

South King County Projects Update

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South King County traffic closures this week

For more details on any of these closures, please visit our [construction update report](#).

Interstate 5, Federal Way

Monday through Thursday nights, S. 320th to the Pierce County line, for pavement improvement work (part of the [I-5 widening project](#)):

- Up to three lanes in each direction
- Southbound HOV on-ramp from S. 317th

State Route 161, Federal Way

Weekday shoulder closures, 8th Ave. to 360th, for miscellaneous work and preparing to pave the entire [SR 161 widening project](#).

State Route 167, Auburn

Weekday shoulder closures, 15th St. NW to 15th St. SW, as crews survey and install construction signs and 13 miles of orange fencing for the [SR 167 widening project](#). The fencing marks sensitive wetlands so they aren't disturbed during construction.

State Route 516, Covington/Maple Valley

Weekday lane closures near 208th/209th Ave. SE as crews work on the [SR 516 improvement project](#).

State Route 599, Tukwila

Thursday night, intermittent closures of the southbound exit to S. 133rd as crews working for Sound Transit set up for [light rail construction](#).

Light rail construction curiosity contributes to slowdowns on SR 518; help us keep traffic moving

Driver curiosity is contributing to traffic slowdowns on State Route 518 near Sea-Tac Airport. Motorists are trying to get a look at Sound Transit's construction of aerial light rail tracks next to the westbound SR 518 lanes.

We understand that it's hard not to look, but it's important to keep your eyes on the road to keep yourself and everyone else on the road safe, and to keep traffic moving.

Sound Transit has many [light rail construction photos](#) on their Web site, and there you can also read about what you're seeing. You'll have the opportunity to ride on those tracks when Sound Transit begins light rail service in 2009.

SR 16 ramp closure near Cheney Stadium

Tacoma Rainiers fans headed to see the team play at Cheney Stadium will need to take a slight detour while the 19th St. exit is closed this summer for improvements. Read more in last Thursday's [news release](#) or on our [project Web site](#). To keep informed about traffic effects from our projects in Pierce County, sign up for [Tacoma traffic updates](#).

Road washout delays SR 123 reopening in Mount Rainier National Park

Last month WSDOT maintenance crews were on schedule to clear snow and reopen State Route 123 within Mount Rainier National Park by early May. However, we discovered a road washout and rockslide in two separate locations on SR 123 which will delay the annual reopening indefinitely. The 10.9-mile closure will run from just south of Cayuse Pass (intersection with SR 410) to just north of the intersection with the Stevens Canyon Road. For more information, please read yesterday's [news release](#).

New e-mail update list

We're starting a new [Highway 20](#) Western Washington e-mail update list this spring. To be one of the first members on this list, visit our [WSDOT e-mail updates page](#) and sign up. If you're not interested in that list, we have lots of other project update lists to choose from, including the Alaskan Way Viaduct list, the newly expanded I-405 and the Eastside list, and the Public Transportation and Rail list.

Highway advisory radio updates

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail [Laura Johnson](#).

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